

King Khaled receives Tureiki

AMMAN, June 20 (R). — Libyan Foreign Secretary Dr. Ali Abdul Salam Tureiki today conferred with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh Radio reported. Dr. Tureiki arrived in the Saudi capital from Baghdad yesterday to convey a verbal message from Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi to King Khaled on the convening of an Arab summit conference in Tripoli. The Libyan foreign secretary is touring a number of Arab countries to convey similar messages to their leaders. He has already visited Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Kuwait in addition to Iraq.

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Assad, Arafat hold meet

DAMASCUS, June 20 (R). — Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat today reviewed latest developments in the Middle East and the Lebanese situation with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Mr. Arafat was accompanied by Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of PLO Executive Committee's Political Department. Informed sources said the Mr. Arafat briefed President Assad on the outcome of his tour of a number of Arab and African states and the results of meetings held by the committee in Lebanon over the past two days. The committee had announced the formation of two committees for policy coordination with Egypt and Syria.

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Contacts to freeze conflict in south Lebanon continue

BEIRUT, June 20 (AFP). — Contacts continued here yesterday in an effort to freeze the conflict between rightist and leftist-Palestinian forces in southernmost Lebanon amid fears Israel might take advantage of the situation to intervene.

Hani Al Hassan, personal adviser to Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat, held talks here yesterday with Walid Junblatt, son and successor of assassinated Lebanese leftist leader Kamal Junblatt, on ways to stop the fighting.

Following his meeting with Mr. Junblatt, Mr. Hassan called on Lebanese to try to reach a political settlement of the "critical situation prevailing in southern Lebanon" and to get ready to face "any eventual Israeli military operation".

Mr. Hassan denied reports that he also met with rightist forces commander-in-chief Bashir Gemayel, but acknowledged the need for consultations between all parties to reach a solution.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Foreign and Defence Minister Faud Boustros met yesterday with U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker, three days before going to Damascus to consult with Syrian leaders.

In southern Lebanon, some 10 civilians were wounded in the Palestinian-leftist stronghold of Nabatieh in the course of artillery duels with rightist forces in the villages of Qleia and Marjeyoun.

In the port of Sidon, a Palestinian soldier was badly wounded yesterday in a clash between rival Palestinian organisations: the pro-Syrian Salqa and the Rejection Front, the radical wing of the Palestinian movement led by George Habbash and his Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Reports from Sidon said the clash occurred when the Salqa forces tried to dislodge the Palestinian radicals from their positions in the old city and shut

down their offices, in line with an agreement made five days ago under the auspices of the PLO.

The agreement was supposed to go into effect yesterday, but last night the Rejection Front was still holding its quarters in Sidon, which was the main supply port for the Palestinian-leftist forces throughout the civil war.

In a separate development, reliable sources said today that the head of the Mid-East Department of the Institute of Soviet Studies, Alexander Kislov, today began a four-day visit to Lebanon, intending to talk with various political leaders.

Semi-official PLO-Israeli contacts end

COLOGNE, West Germany, June 20 (R). — The representative of the PLO in West Germany said in a television interview here today that the Palestine Liberation Organisation was ending its semi-official contacts with Israel.

Mr. Abdullah Franghi said the change in attitude had been dictated by the success of the rightwing in Israel's general elections last month. The PLO would now intensify its struggle against Israel he added.

Mr. Franghi said the semi-official contacts which Israelis and PLO representatives had had in Paris for the past few months would now cease because of the emerging "radicalism" in Israel.

He said the change of government had made a confrontation unavoidable. The PLO had reorganised its forces following the civil war in Lebanon and was now in a position to make war on Israel, Mr. Franghi added.



COALITION -- Leaders of Israel's new government coalition after signing of formal agreement in Tel Aviv Sunday. From left, Menachem Begin, Dr. Yosef Burg, Ezer Weizmann and Ariel Sharon. (AP wirephoto).

Brezhnev arrives in Paris amidst tightest security precautions

RAMBOUILLET, France, June 20 (R). — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev arrived today amidst the tightest security precautions, declaring his visit to France should consolidate friendship between the two countries and help world peace.

The Soviet president flew in to Orly Airport, escorted by four Mirage F-1 jet fighters of the French Normandie-Niemen Squadron, which fought alongside Russian airmen during the Second World War.

Some 3,000 police were mobilised for the arrival, with uniformed officers stationed at 500-metre intervals along the 30 kms. route from Paris to this market town where the two leaders are holding their talks.

A series of bomb attacks have struck Soviet buildings in Paris in the past week and posters proclaiming "Brezhnev debors" (Brezhnev go home) have been pasted up in a number of prominent places, including in Rambouillet.

Mr. Brezhnev is staying in the 14th century Rambouillet chateau, used for visiting statesmen.

Security forces were put on to full alert at Orly Airport this morning after an anonymous telephone warning of a commando attack timed to coincide with his arrival.

The caller said sticks of dynamite had been hidden in various parts of the airport, but security men found nothing.

Mr. Brezhnev is seeking to preserve his country's special relationship with France, especially in view of worsening U.S.-Soviet relations since President Jimmy Carter took over the White House in January.

The Soviet leader began his talks with President Giscard d'Estaing late this afternoon.

France-Soviet relations, generally privileged under late French Presidents Charles de Gaulle and Georges Pompidou, have experienced a setback since M. Giscard d'Estaing was elected three years ago.

The Soviet Union has been clearly alarmed at evidence of French rapprochement with the Atlantic Alliance and Mr. Brezhnev is expected to encourage French suspicions of the U.S.

In an address broadcast on French Television at the end

of May, Mr. Brezhnev laid the blame on the United States for the continued stalemate in talks on Strategic Arms Limitation.

Later, in answers to questions from Le Monde newspaper, he accused the U.S. and

NATO of stepping up the arms race despite what he said were Soviet efforts to bring about general disarmament.

Mr. Brezhnev was expected to continue this line in his talks with President Giscard d'Estaing.

Neutral states to submit compromise proposals at European security meet

BELGRADE, June 20 (R). — Delegates of the nine neutral and non-aligned states at the 33-state European Security Conference today said they may soon submit compromise proposals to bridge the gap between rival Western and Soviet agendas for a higher-level conference here in October, which will review implementation of the 1975 Helsinki declaration on detente and human rights.

The holding of follow-up review conferences was one of three main agenda items reported at today's meeting by nearly all the Western, neutral and non-aligned delegates and those of Romania and Yugoslavia.

The others were a thorough review of how the Helsinki declaration has been implemented and proposals for expanding detente.

The Soviet proposal, which

consisted of the speech made by delegation head Yuli Vorontsov on Friday, was submitted as a conference document today.

Moscow wants the agenda of the October meeting to link discussion of implementation of the 1975 declaration with new measures for promoting further East-West detente.

Western delegates said this was a tactical move to blur any critical analysis of what progress has been made on human rights in Eastern European countries.

The Western agenda plan, put forward last Wednesday by the European Common Market and the United States, provides for separate discussion on these two key items.

It also calls for further detente meetings after the October session, which the West wants to last for about 12 weeks.

Troops build-up reported in Kampala after news of Amin's assassination

NAIROBI, June 20 (R). — Unusually heavy concentrations of troops were seen in the Ugandan capital of Kampala today amid fresh uncertainty over developments inside President Idi Amin's turbulent east African state.

Speculation mounted after Kenya's daily Nation newspaper splashed a front-page story saying that President Amin had been the target of an assassination attempt near Entebbe airport on Saturday morning.

The report said the Ugandan leader was missing and "may be dead" after two men opened

fire on his car, damaging it extensively.

Kampala Radio, monitored here, dropped an early report that President Amin may go to a refugee ceremony in the western part of the country later today. No mention of the president was made in either the lunchtime or early evening news bulletins.

Informed sources contacted by telephone in Kampala said there were more troops on duty in the city than normal, with some government buildings under more intense guard. On the border with Kenya, reports said Uganda had boosted its road-

blocks with extra men.

One foreign resident said Kampala itself was "very, very quiet." Another resident said: "There must have been something over the weekend, but we're not sure what it was."

Informed sources said the area where Saturday's incident was reported -- just outside Entebbe where President Amin has his "command post" -- is notorious for violent incidents involving off-duty troops.

There was some speculation here that the troop build-up in the capital might reflect some movements within the armed forces, but this could not be confirmed.

President Amin has been the target for assassins in the past. Only a year ago he narrowly escaped death when hand grenades were thrown at his vehicle.

But observers noted that Uganda Radio did not report on Saturday night that the president had received a huge Nile perch caught by his presidential spokesman, Mr. Bob Astles.

Mr. Astles was not available for comment today, according to his staff, and other government officials declined to be drawn on what had happened to the field-marshal.

A spokesman at President Amin's house in Entebbe, contacted on the telephone by Reuters in London, said: "We don't have any trouble in Uganda ... We are at peace."

Asked if the president was personally all right, the spokesman said: "We are okay here."

Ignoring Palestinian existence

Begin calls for direct negotiations with Arab leaders

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 20 (Agencies). — Israeli Premier-designate Menachem Begin today said the prevention of war would be the main objective of his new government and be called on Arab leaders to meet him personally for peace negotiations.

"Our prime concern is prevention of a new war in the Middle East," Mr. Begin told the Knesset, assembled for the presentation of his cabinet which includes controversial former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan as minister of foreign affairs.

"I call on (His Majesty) King Hussein, President Sadat and President Assad to meet me, whether in our capitals or on neutral soil, in public or away from the spotlights of publicity, in order to discuss the establishment of true peace between our countries and Israel," Mr. Begin said.

The rightwing leader gave no indication in his speech to the Palestinian people or the West Bank.

The new government's policy guidelines were agreed upon yesterday also failed to repeat standing Likud assertions that the land of Israel stretches from the Mediterranean to the Jordan River.

Mr. Begin called for new Jewish settlements in the "homeland" -- again without giving any precise geographical definitions.

Mr. Begin held open the possibility of Israeli annexation of occupied areas if negotiations with the Arab states collapsed. He said the Knesset "could extend Israeli law ... to all parts of Eretz Israel," but would not do this as long as negotiations were taking place or in the offing.

He said Israel intended to participate in a Geneva peace conference based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and would remain committed to ceasefire and other arrangements until "a real and contractual peace brought about normalisation of life in the area."

Mr. Begin said friendship between Israel and the United States would be the firm foundation of his government's policy.

His speech was followed by an often acrimonious debate.

The Likud-led coalition was expected to win a subsequent confidence vote easily.

The new 13-member cabinet was to be sworn in immediately afterwards.

The debate often turned into shouting matches between Labour parliamentarians and members of ultra-religious parties who have pledged support for Mr. Begin in exchange for promises to tighten laws on religious observance in Israel.

He said Israel was interested in a normalisation of relations with the Soviet Union but that Moscow should take the initiative for resuming diplomatic relations which were severed by the Soviet government in 1967.

Mr. Begin paid tribute to the Soviet Union's role in the establishment of Israel in 1948 but painted a gloomy picture of relations since then and said that all Jews in the Soviet Union wishing to leave for Israel should be permitted to do so.

As expected the most emotionally-charged passages of Mr. Begin's speech came when he dealt with what he held to be the rights of the Jewish people to Israel.

"We were granted the right to exist by the God of our fathers," he said.

Mr. Meir Wilner, head of the pro-Moscow Rakah Communist Party, assailed Mr. Begin's speech for failing to make any mention of the Palestinians.

"Mr. Begin completely ignores the rights and the very existence of the second people that inhabits this land. To ignore the Palestinian Arab people as he does is to speak completely out of reality as if

he were on the planet Mars," Mr. Wilner told the Knesset.

"The essence of Mr. Begin's speech -- if you ignore the empty phrases and the mysticism -- is simply that the new government is presenting us with the guidelines for the next war," Mr. Wilner added.

The leading Israeli opposition parties the Labour Party and the DMC Party -- rejected the government and programme proposed by Mr. Begin but announced they would not be forming any coalition between them in opposition.

Labour leader Shimon Peres centred his attack on Mr. Begin's proposed foreign policy suggesting that while it was Arab intransigence which blocked peace during the long years of Labour rule in Israel, he feared that now "the accusation of intransigence will fall on Israel."

DMC (Democratic Movement for Change) Party leader Mr. Yadin attacked Mr. Begin for his concessions to the religious parties, which he needed to form his government, and for the whole manner in which the party leader had negotiated the formation of the coalition.

Of Mr. Begin's foreign policy, Mr. Yadin said: "The Likud seems to have wrongly interpreted the electoral mandate it was given. The people voted for change and not for the refusal of any territorial concessions in the West Bank even within the framework of peace."

He went on: "We prefer to see a strong democratic Jewish people, on a part of the land of Israel, to a weak Jewish people dominating by force the land of Israel in its entirety."

King Hussein: Israel's refusal to withdraw threatens world peace

VIENNA, June 20 (R). — King Hussein said tonight that a refusal by Israel's new rightwing government to withdraw from occupied Arab lands could threaten world peace.

The king said in a recorded interview with Austrian Television that Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's policy for holding on to occupied territories was an obstacle to lasting peace in the Middle East.

"If this occurs, then the future looks very dangerous for this area, maybe for the world as a whole. The opportunity for peace would be lost and obviously the only other alternative

would be a rapid deterioration towards an eventual eruption in this area," he declared.

"A very serious situation could develop and may be a threat to world peace," he added.

King Hussein praised President Carter for his "genuine concern and interest" in the Middle East, and said he was impressed "by his spirit and by his desire to work for the establishment of peace."

"I do not underestimate the potential for the United States to play a very constructive and major role in helping all concerned to move towards the establishment of peace in this area," he added.

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Socialist organisations meet starts in Malta

VALLETTA, June 20 (R). — Malta's Prime Minister Dom Mintoff opened an international conference here today with a call for the Belgrade European Security Conference to set up a permanent committee for the Mediterranean region.

Mr. Mintoff urged socialists to press for such a committee, which would, he said, ensure that agreements reached on the Mediterranean would be implemented.

The Maltese prime minister was addressing the second conference of progressive and socialist organisations in the Mediterranean, which is meeting to discuss such matters as the "liberation of the Mediterranean region from foreign military bases and fleets."

Mr. Mintoff suggested that the Mediterranean countries should cooperate in telecommunications and urged the establishment of a Mediterranean news agency and newspaper.

Apart from cooperation to

ensure freedom from foreign military forces, he also called for more economic and political cooperation between European countries and other states bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

There could be no peace in Europe unless there was peace in the Mediterranean region first, Mr. Mintoff said.

He offered his country as a centre for peace, saying that it would soon be free of its foreign military presence -- a reference to the fact that an agreement under which Malta leases bases to Britain is due to expire on March 31, 1979.

The five-day conference will also discuss the strengthening of liberation movements and socialist forces in the world to combat "imperialism, Zionism, fascism and reactionary conspiracies."

Mr. Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organisation was expected to attend the conference, but so far he has not arrived.



DECORATION -- One of the PLO delegates decorates Malta's Prime Minister Mr. Dom Mintoff at the official opening of the conference of progressive socialist organisations of the Mediterranean at Corinthia Palace Hotel in Malta Monday. (AP wirephoto).

KING TO PRESIDE OVER UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein will preside over the graduation ceremony for the 12th group of students at the University of Jordan on June 30. A university committee was formed to draw up final arrangements for the ceremony to take place at Al Hussein Youth City.

The University of Jordan will celebrate King Hussein's silver jubilee in July. The event will include sports, artistic and scout activities.

Teams from the universities of Damascus, Aleppo, Riyadh and Kuwait will take part for the first time in a sports competition. Theatrical troupes from Damascus University and the University of Jordan will present a number of plays. The Jordan Army Band, along with other musical and artistic teams, will present a programme of national songs and music.

King Hussein meets Egyptian press team

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein received a visiting Egyptian press delegation at the Royal Hashemite Court Monday afternoon.

His Majesty reviewed the current Arab situation and the level of coordination and co-operation needed for the Arabs to face the coming stage of political action.

The pressmen, who arrived here from Damascus Sunday, earlier visited the Jordan Valley and the frontline with Israel. It visited Karamah and laid a wreath at the monument to the fallen at the battle there against Israel in May 1968.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Zaid Ibn Shaker, earlier received the visiting delegation.

THREE NEW WELLS TO BOOST AMMAN WATER SUPPLY

AMMAN (J.T.). — Amman's water supply is to increase 25 per cent in the coming week with the linking of three new wells to the supply network.

A further 400 cubic metres of water per hour will flow into Amman from these wells, three of ten recently drilled, a Water and Sewerage Corporation official stated Monday. They are mainly located in the Royal Racing Club area.

The seven additional ones will start supplying the capital with much-needed water next month, boosting supply from its present 1,600 cubic metres per hour to over 2,400 cubic metres, the official continued.

The corporation drilled a total of 20 wells, of which 10 proved unsuccessful, in the last 18 months to ease Amman's water shortage.



Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub and Mr. Griffiths, for a British engineering company, sign a contract to provide a sewage and water system for Aqaba. (JNA photo).

FAO meet adopts Arabic

AMMAN (JNA). — The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) decided to adopt Arabic as an official language at its meeting in Rome, Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a said Monday.

Mr. Jum'a, who returned here Monday after attending the

71st session of the FAO's Council from June 6-17, added that Saudi Arabia had agreed to finance a project to improve seeds in Jordan. The JD 280,000 project includes the construction of warehouses for seeds and the creation of a workshop to repair agricultural machinery. New machinery will also be purchased.

The Council also agreed to provide Jordan with projection equipment for agricultural guidance.

Contract signed for Aqaba water project

AMMAN (JNA). — An agreement to boost water supply to Aqaba was signed with the British firm Howard Humphrey and a local engineering company at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs Monday.

The first phase of the agreement includes financial and economic studies, preparation of engineering plans and designs and tender bids, supervision of work on the subterranean water field in the Qa'a Al Dissi area near Aqaba and construction of the main water pipeline to Aqaba and the southern coast.

The second stage will consist of similar studies, designs and supervision work for water and sewage systems in Aqaba.

The accord was signed for the government by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub in his capacity as President of the Board of Administration of the Water Supply Corporation.

Mr. Ayyoub said the projects, which will cost JD 17 million, are considered a very important

part of the five-year plan. It aims to meet the water needs of the Aqaba area with an annual capacity of 17.5 million cubic metres.

The projects consist of a 75 kms. main water pipe, pumping units, electric generators and reinforced concrete water

tanks. Design work has taken into consideration future demographic, tourist and industrial expansion in Aqaba and the southern coast area.

The minister stated that the first phase of the project will be completed in August 1979, and the second in May 1980.

According to London magazine

Potash project will create new industries

LONDON, June 20 (JNA). — Dozens of industries will spring up in Jordan as a result of the potash project, according to Director General of the Arab Potash Company Ali Al Khasawneh.

In an interview with the London-based magazine 'Alam Al Tijara', Mr. Khasawneh said other derivatives, such as fire-resistant bromine and magnesium, used in heat-resistant bricks, will be produced from the Dead Sea brine.

Potash production could also lead to the production of medicines, plastics, detergents, insecticides, paints and cosmetics, Mr. Al Khasawneh added.

He emphasised that the project will help the labour situation and buttress Jordan's export earnings by \$200-300 million annually.

Mr. Al Khasawneh pointed out that Jordan will be the only potash-producing Arab country. The Arab World will be the main market for its products, since it needs abundant fertiliser supplies for the agricultural sector.

Jordanian potash production will represent five per cent of the world's 34 million tonne annual production.

The director general said his company will contact world and Arab financial institutions for aid for the JD 100 million project.

Syrian finance team arrives

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Finance Mohammad Dabbas Monday received a visiting Syrian financial delegation to discuss a number of financial and income tax questions of mutual interest to both countries.

The Syrian delegation, led by Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Finance Abdul Hadi Nahlawi, arrived here Monday morning on a four-day visit for discussions with Ministry of Finance and Income Tax Department officials. The delegation includes Director of the Syrian Industrial Fair Abdul Salam Kanaan; Director of Research and Planning at the Ministry of Finance Dr. Ma'moun Shallah; and Dr. Elias Najmeh, professor of economics and finance at Damascus University.

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Trans-Alaskan pipeline goes into operation

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, June 20 (R). — The trans-Alaska oil pipeline, one of mankind's biggest arctic construction projects, goes into operation on schedule today.

Engineers will start oil flowing at pump station one at Prudhoe Bay inside the Arctic Circle on the 800-mile (1,280 km.) journey south.

The oil, heated to prevent it freezing in the sub-zero temperatures, will take about 30 days to reach the ice-free port of Valdez on Prince William Sound.

The pipeline cost about \$ 9.3 billion to build. It was first

envisaged in 1969, a year after oil was discovered in large quantities on Alaska's North Slope.

The project was delayed by legal wrangles, rival land claims and protests from environmentalists that the delicate balance of life on the tundra might be destroyed.

Construction began in 1974, setting off the greatest invasion of money-seekers to Alaska since the Klondike gold rush years.

The government set strict safety conditions to meet the demands of the environmentalists, and damage to Alaska's ecology seems to have been minimal.

Oil will initially be pumped through the four-foot-wide (1.3 metre) pipeline at the rate of 300,000 barrels a day, but will reach 1.2 million barrels a day at peak operation.

The pipeline is owned by the eight major international oil companies operating on the 200 square mile (520 square km.) North Slope Field which is estimated to contain recov-

erable reserves of almost 10 billion barrels of oil.

The eight companies, with eight smaller leaseholders own the oil, but have not yet settled plans to sell it.

The Carter administration has still to decide whether to approve a deal under which Alaskan oil will be exported to Japan in return for increased oil imports to the U.S. East Coast.

The price of the oil has also not been decided. The U.S. Justice Department accused the oil firms last Wednesday of wanting to charge about \$2 a barrel more than was justified.

Engineer invents compressed air-powered car

ROME, June 18 (AFP). — A Milan engineer has invented a compressed air-powered car which can run for four hours and has a cruising speed of 35 kms. per hour (22 mph).

The bubble-shaped car, shown last Friday on Italian television, is powered by compressed air stored in four 8,000-litre bottles slung under the roof. Cost of a "full tank" of 32,000 litres is only 200 lire (about 15 pence).

Several cars, costing 4 million lire (about £3,000), have been sold to exhibition organisers and hospitals, the inventor said.

Secret U.S.-Saudi Arabian oil, investment agreement published by Newsweek

NEW YORK, June 20 (AFP). — The United States has a secret agreement with Saudi Arabia covering the price of oil and investment policy, according to the current issue of Newsweek magazine, which quotes reliable Saudi officials.

Newsweek said the agreement was signed during the presidency of Gerald Ford and was recognised by the Carter administration three weeks after it was installed. The White House and the State Department nevertheless continue to deny all knowledge of such an accord, the publication said.

The weekly magazine said the pact included the following points:

— Saudi Arabia would limit oil price increases to five per cent per year until 1984, rega-

rdless of action taken by other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

— Saudi Arabia committed itself to investing half of its annual balance-of-trade surplus in 25-year U.S. government bonds at 7.5 per cent interest.

The interest could be used to buy American goods, particularly military material.

The United States in turn was committed to use "its full political, military and economic resources to assist the Saudi Arabian government in any way that may prove necessary in the light of developing circumstances."

Saudi Arabian sources said the details were not really new and had been published several weeks ago in a London financial publication, International Currency Review.

World Food Council opens meet in Manila

MANILA, June 20 (R). — The World Food Council's newly elected president, Mr. Arturo Tanco, today called on the world's nations to help eradicate hunger from the globe.

"We must all bend our collective will. Hunger recognises no political boundaries," Mr. Tanco told the opening session of the council's third ministerial conference here.

He added: "We must arrive at an agenda for tackling the food problem in time. It can be done, it must be done, it will be done."

Mr. Tanco, Agriculture Secretary for the Philippines, was elected by acclamation with the support of both developed and developing worlds, represented by 38 member nations.

President Ferdinand Marcos addressed the conference called for a world emergency food reserve to meet the needs of countries suffering acute shortages.

He told the opening session that farmers' fears of a drop in prices had prevented food surpluses being used to build up stocks.

UAE, Saudi Arabia offer conditional oil price hike

ABU DHABI, June 20 (R). — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in an attempt to settle the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil price dispute, have offered to increase their oil prices to the level of other OPEC states.

Saudi Petroleum Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said here Saturday night that his country and the UAE had agreed

in principle to increase their oil prices by five per cent as from next month provided other OPEC member states drop their plans to impose a further five per cent rise on July 1.

The oil price rift began last December at the OPEC Ministerial Council which met in Doha, Qatar. Eleven OPEC nations decided to impose a 10 per cent increase on January 1 to be followed by an additional five per cent rise next month, while Saudi Arabia and the UAE opted to introduce a five per cent increase only in 1977.

Sheikh Yamani said his country and the UAE were waiting word from other OPEC member states on whether they would accept the compromise proposal.

Sheikh Yamani, who returned to Riyadh last night, came here on a brief visit to convey a message from Saudi King Khalid to UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayyan.

The message was believed to have dealt with the two countries' joint move to end the two-tier price system.

The UAE petroleum minister, Said Al Oteiba, in an interview published here Saturday, said his country and Saudi Arabia were prepared to help settle the oil prices dispute provided other OPEC members made a similar move.

Dr. Oteiba said the aim was to bring together views of OPEC nations before their ministerial council meets in Stockholm on July 12.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian filis for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

Saudi riyal	92.6	93.0
Lebanese pound	107.0	108.1
Syrian pound	81	81.4
Iraqi dinar	938	947
Kuwaiti dinar	1140	1146
Egyptian pound	460	470
Libyan dinar	725	745
UAE dirham	83.8	84.3
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	330	332
German mark	140.4	140.8
French franc	66.9	67.2
Swiss franc	132.8	133.2
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

* LONDON, June 20 (AFP). — British Airways, the British flag carrier, made it clear today it was taking the threat of an Anglo-American "air war" very seriously. With less than 48 hours to go before the Bermuda treaty regulating scheduled air services between the United States and Britain expires the two sides had still not concluded talks on a new aviation agreement. The British airline therefore in large ads in the London press revealed details of contingency plans to be activated if the talks fail and scheduled flights are halted. The airline said it would redirect its flights to several big American cities through Canada, and some others via Nassau, Bahamas. In Amsterdam, it was reported that Pan American World Airways was planning to shift its London services to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport if it were to lose its landing rights at London Airport.

* KUWAIT, June 20 (AFP). — The Gulf countries are planning joint construction of a petrochemical complex in Kuwait, a Foreign Ministry official disclosed today after a tour of the area. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman have already agreed to take part in the \$750-900 million project, Mohammad Sadeh, Director of the Ministry's Economics Department, said. Construction of the factory is slated to begin in 1978 and to be completed by 1981.

* TOKYO, June 20 (R). — The Japanese government said today it was prepared to support a plan to build a petrochemical complex in Saudi Arabia costing about 400 billion yen (\$1,455 billion) provided it was worked out in private negotiations. Japan's Vice International Trade and Industry Minister, Mr. Toshinobu Wada, told a press conference the joint venture was being discussed between the Mitsubishi Industrial Group and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Wada said Japan wanted to join in the venture to promote relations with Saudi Arabia.

* BEIRUT, June 20 (R). — Mr. Khaled Yassir has been appointed resident representative to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Syria, a United Nations spokesman said in Beirut. Mr. Yassir will take up his duties in Damascus during the first part of July, he said. He has been UNDP resident representative in Kuwait since 1975.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London Foreign Exchange Market today. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling =	1.7196 / 98	U.S. dollars
One dollar =	2.3585 / 95	West German marks
	2.4945 / 60	Dutch guilders
	2.4955 / 65	Swiss francs
	36.06 / 09	Belgian francs
	4.9425 / 35	French francs
	884.90 / 885.10	Italian lire
	272.65 / 75	Japanese yen
	4.4270 / 80	Swedish crowns
	5.2970 / 80	Norwegian crowns
	6.0575 / 90	Danish crowns

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices closed on a steady tone Monday on the New York Stock Exchange where the Dow Jones Industrial average gained about four points in fairly active trading.

The market was slightly higher at the opening and fluctuated in a narrow range throughout most of the day. Investors were encouraged by favourable forecasts for the U.S. economy and the fact that the Commerce Department revised upward its figures for the first quarter GNP and corporate profits. Some traders remained cautious, however, awaiting Tuesday's publication of the consumer price index for May.

Gainers led losers at the bell by a wide margin (918 to 514), as most groups of shares closed on a steady tone.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 924.27, a gain of 3.82 points; Transp at 239.48, a gain of 0.68; utilities at 114.26, a gain of 0.38. 22,950,000 shares changed hands, of which 5,060,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed firm Monday among industrial leaders while government leaders were off the bottom but still easier on balance after a small rally on the U.K. earnings figures for June, dealers said.

Leaders were around 2p to 4p firmer after small early falls were erased, with light buying interest noted although overall trading was slow. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 2.5 at 444.1. Long dated government bonds were around 3/8 point easier while shorts lost 1/8 to 1/4.

B.P. reversed an earlier 2p fall while other oils closed little changed. Mining shares continued firm with the gold bullion price and both Australians and Canadians were little changed.

ICI attracted buying interest and the share price closed 3p higher on balance around 390 after being 2p easier in early dealings, operators said. Cavenham was also fairly actively traded in its "ex bid" form and gained 3p by the close.

Similar rises among leading industrials were scored by Court-aud, Lucas, GEC, A.P. Cement, Hawker, Beecham, Dunlop, Unilever and Metal Box after small early falls, dealers added.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$139.85/oz.

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HORSE RACING RESULTS

FIRST RACE

For local country horses third class
Distance 1,400 metres.

The first: DARA
Owner: Musallam El Ayed
Time: 1.44 minutes
The second: M. NAIEL
Owner: Ali A. Sokout
The third: SIT EL KHAHL
Owner: Rashid Oudeh
WIN: 200 filis — 400 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 2,500 filis

THIRD RACE

For beginner horses
Distance 1,600 metres.

The first: KHAILAN
Owner: El Talia'a Stable
Time: 1.51 minutes
The second: KWAIES
Owner: Tawfiq Ksous
The third: EL DALEEM
Owner: H. H. Sherif Hussein Ibn Naser
WIN: 200 filis — 500 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 1,700 filis

FIFTH RACE

For third class horses
Distance 2,000 metres.

The first: TULL
Owner: Khalil Borqan
Time: 2.25 minutes
The second: JOHAR AMMAN
Owner: Sherifeh Nofah Naser
The third: UM EL SAAD
Owner: Ismail Salem
WIN: 200 filis — 800 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 1,100 filis
DOUBLE TOTE: 400 filis — 1,000 filis

SECOND RACE

For beginner horses
Distance 1,000 metres.

The first: SAHIR EL TALIA'A
Owner: El Talia'a Stable
Time: 1.8 minutes
The second: ANBAR
Owner: Jean Seznik
The third: SINDAH
Owner: H. H. Sherif Jamil Ibn Naser
WIN: 200 filis — 500 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 1,300 filis

FOURTH RACE

For beginner horses (ponies)
Distance 1,000 metres.

The first: EL HABBAB
Owner: Saif Majali
Time: 1.10.5 minutes
The second: RADDAD
Owner: Saif Majali
The third: EL NEES
Owner: Saif Majali
WIN: 200 filis — 350 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 1,300 filis

SIXTH RACE

For second class horses
Distance 2,000 metres.

The first: SINAJ
Owner: Saif Majali
Time: 2.21 minutes
The second: SABIR AYYOUB
Owner: Tawfiq Ksous
The third: NASSAF
Owner: Yousef Kittaneh
WIN: 200 filis — 350 filis
TWIN: 400 filis — 1,500 filis

Reports say Idi Amin was shot, may be dead

NAIROBI, June 20 (Agencies) — Uganda has strengthened roadblocks on its border with Kenya, according to reports from the frontier today. Informed sources in Kampala reported an unusual number of troops in the streets of the capital.

But Ugandan Information Ministry officials said they could not comment on a report in Kenya's Daily Nation newspaper that President Idi Amin may have been the target of an assassination attempt on Saturday.

One of the ministry officials, contacted by telephone from Nairobi, said he was "not aware of any trouble at the weekend."

Informed sources here and in Kampala said there was an incident near Entebbe Airport on Saturday, in which a car used by the Ugandan leader appeared to have been involved.

In its front-page report, the Daily Nation said "President Amin may be dead. He has been reported missing after an alleged assassination attempt on his life at the weekend."

The newspaper, quoting unidentified reports reaching Nairobi, said two men tried to kill President Amin as he was on his way to Mbarara in southern Uganda on Saturday morning. Thousands of troops were combing the area in an effort to find the men, it said.

According to the Daily Nation report, President Amin's

car was extensively damaged in the incident at Bayitabire trading centre, 3 kms. from Entebbe.

One source in Kampala commented: "There must have been something, but we're not sure what it was." Uganda Radio, monitored here earlier this morning, said that President Amin may attend a ceremony in western Uganda later today marking a Refugee Day proclaimed by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The broadcast said the ceremony would take place at the refugee centre in Ibuga, near Uganda's borders with Zaire and Rwanda.

In a news bulletin at 1000 GMT Kampala Radio dropped its report that President Amin may attend the Refugee Day ceremony. The broadcast made no mention of the Ugandan leader.

Some reports reaching here from Kampala said Field Marshal Amin was seriously wounded and was taken by a plane to Libya for treatment on Sunday, while other reports said he was safe and well at a command post in Uganda, from where he was leading operations against his attackers.

According to the reports from Kampala, several people were killed and wounded and a major sweep by authorities was said to be underway throughout the country.

Major troops and tank movements have been reported in southeastern Uganda, and ro-

adblocks were set up on roads into Kampala from Entebbe, in the south, from Jinja, in the east and from Masaka, in the west.

At some of the roadblocks men were reportedly arrested and taken to an unknown destination aboard military trucks. Their wives were said to have been ordered to return to their homes.

Gunfire was heard during the night around Nakasero barracks in Kampala. The army searched all villages around Entebbe both last night and the night before.

Reports reaching Nairobi said that unknown gunmen opened fire on the car carrying the president and his Vice President, Gen. Mustafa Adrisi, back to Kampala late Saturday evening.

Field Marshal Amin had spent the day playing basketball on a beach near Entebbe.

Some sources said the two leaders were taken to Mulago hospital in Kampala before one of them was flown to Libya and the other taken to an unknown destination.

Israeli torture in long report by Sunday Times

LONDON, June 20 (R). — The Sunday Times newspaper has made detailed allegations that Israeli interrogators routinely ill-treat and often torture Arab prisoners.

In a report covering three-and-a-half pages in yesterday's edition, the newspaper said it had interviewed 44 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank who alleged ill-treatment or torture at the hands of the Israeli security services. The names of 22 were published.

The newspaper said its investigation showed the torture was so widespread and systematic that it could not be dismissed as the activity of some officers exceeding orders.

It recorded prolonged beatings, electric shock torture, confinement in specially-constructed cells and said the treatment took place in at least six centres.

In its copyright report, the newspaper said all of Israel's security services were implicated: The Shin Bet intelligence section, military intelligence, border police and Latam, which it called the "department for special missions."

It named 3 purposes of the torture: To extract information, to extract confessions to "security" offences, and to persuade Arabs in the West Bank to behave passively.

The Israeli Embassy in London today issued a strongly-worded denial of the Sunday Times report.

The statement said: "The assertion that torture is a deliberate policy of the Israeli government is as vicious a slander as it is insulting to the democracy and free judiciary in the area."

The Israeli authorities were given advance knowledge of the publication of the report by the Sunday Times.

Meet adopts calendar of African solidarity

LISBON, June 20 (AFP). — The World Conference Against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa that closed here yesterday set a calendar of world "solidarity days" with the peoples of Southern Africa.

March 17 — Zimbabwe Day. March 21 — International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. June 16 — Soweto Martyrs Day. June 26 — South Africa Freedom Day.

August 15 — Namibia Day. October 11 — Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners.

The 3-day conference ended with a condemnation of what it called the Carter administration's "neo-colonialist" policy of trying to set up "puppet regimes in Zimbabwe and Namibia."

Such regimes would "serve as buffer zones to protect imperialist interests and give the

Vorster regime time to carry out its programme of setting up bastions," the conference said in its final statement, which criticised all the Western powers for their cooperation with the white minority regimes of Southern Africa.

The conference called on oil-producing countries to stop all deliveries to companies that provide petroleum to the Rhodesian regime of Mr. Ian Smith as part of the enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Rhodesia.

France, West Germany, the United States and Israel were criticised for nuclear cooperation with South Africa, "expressly designed to help the fascist regime achieve its ambition of producing nuclear weapons as part of its aggressive designs against African countries."

The conference called for world-wide pressure on Japan, Iran and the Western countries

to get them to end their economic support to South Africa by way of multinational corporations.

Portuguese Socialist Jose Magalhaes Godinho, official Portuguese "ambassador," chaired the meeting, which was attended by the best-known leaders of the 1974 Portuguese revolution, Maj. Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, Gen. Vasco Gonçalves and Admiral Antonio Rosa Coutinho.

Black Rhodesian leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, Co-Chairman of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front, Mr. Oliver Tambo, Chairman of the banned African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa, and Mr. Sam Nujoma, leader of Namibia's South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), took part in the meeting.

The 300 delegates, from some 35 countries and 12 international organisations, expressed

Sudan reportedly tells USSR to close cultural centre

KHARTOUM, June 20 (R). — The Sudan has told the Soviet Union to stop "immediately" the activities of its cultural centre here and wind it up within a week, the newspaper Al-Ayam said yesterday.

The paper quoted a Foreign Ministry source as saying the Russians did not allow the establishment "of similar cultural centres in their country."

The Kremlin expelled the Sudanese cultural attaché in Moscow last week.

The closing of the cultural centre here is seen as another step in the deterioration of relations between the two countries following an abortive coup against President Jaafar Nimeiri last July and increasing Soviet support for neighbouring Ethiopia.

Muhammad Ali marries

LOS ANGELES, June 20 (R). — World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Muhammad Ali, donned white tie and white tails yesterday to marry California model Veronica Porche, mother of his 10-month-old daughter.

Leading blacks and whites from sporting and film fraternities crowded into a closely-guarded reception room in the Beverly Hills Hotel here for the brief ceremony.

Although he was staying in the hotel, Ali arrived 27 minutes after the announced starting time. It was his third marriage.

Miss Porche, 21, is the daughter of a California building contractor. Gifted to Ali for the past three years, she wore an off-white dress with a train for the 15-minute ceremony.

Ali, 35, was previously married to a Chicagoan bargirl Sonji Rol. He divorced her when he converted to the Moslem religion and later married Belinda, mother of three of his children. She divorced him for cruelty last year, citing the fact that Miss Porche had a baby by him.

Among the sporting guests at the wedding were former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and boxer Jimmy Ellis. Personalities from the movie community included actor Warren Beatty, British horror film star Christopher Lee and Chip McAllister, who played the young Ali in Ali's biographical film "The Greatest."

The groom, bride and ushers all wore white. The six bridesmaids were in differing pastel shades.

After the ceremony the guests watched Ali and his wife cut a seven-tier cake.

Police give details of last week's killings Soweto goes back to normal

JOHANNESBURG, June 20 (AFP). — The people of Soweto went back to work and school normally today after last week's period of mourning ended yesterday.

Train and bus services officials in the million-inhabitant township said commuters flocked into Johannesburg as usual. Several schools today also reported a normal attendance.

Police said there had been no incidents today, but would not predict whether the situation would remain calm.

Taxi drivers who last week observed the period of mourning were back in business today too. Other townships in the Johannesburg area were also reported calm.

The last church services in memory of some 600 people who died in last year's racial violence were held at various township centres yesterday and went off without incident. The services attended by people of all ages clad in black lasted most of the day.

In Cape Town, where the situation was also reported quiet, it was announced that two white student leaders of the

University of Cape Town, Mr. Robert Fig, and Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald were released by security police following a search of their offices last week.

Meanwhile, Johannesburg police sources said yesterday that 10 black guerrillas came to Johannesburg last Monday carrying submachine guns in supermarket shopping bags and began on provoking bloodshed in the township of Soweto.

The sources gave the fullest account to date of how two white men were killed and a third wounded in a guerrilla attack in the city centre.

The killings took place because the guerrillas got lost on their way to Soweto, they said. Two black nationalist gunmen were arrested. Police announced on Saturday night that eight others were still at large.

Disturbances in Soweto this week might have been much worse if the guerrilla mission had not gone astray, the police sources said.

The worst violence of the past week in South Africa took place in the south coast city of Port Elizabeth, where nine blacks died.

In Soweto, two railway lines were blown up, and police fired tear gas and rubber bullets into crowds, but no deaths were reported.

The police sources gave this account of the Johannesburg episode. The 10 guerrillas had been trained in Angola and came to South Africa by way of Mozambique. They were be-

lieved by police to be South African blacks who fled the country following last year's widespread riots.

They arrived in Johannesburg's Sauer Street bus terminal, carrying Czechoslovakian-made "Scorpion" machine pistols and Soviet-made hand grenades in shopping bags.

Their mission was to join student demonstrators in Soweto — a flashback of last year's riots — during demonstrations last Thursday and Friday, and to commit sabotage in as many areas as possible, the sources said.

But they asked for directions from a black man at a taxi rank. He, spotting the weapons in their bags, mistook them for holdup men and ran off shouting that armed robbers were in the area.

Three of the gunmen sprinted down Bree Street towards the old market area, about 300 metres from police headquarters in Vorster Square.

As bystanders called the police, the men fired several rounds at random from their guns and burst in on four white women taking a tea break in a depot belonging to the John Orr department store.

They shot bullets at the workmen, killing two, and buried a hand grenade beneath an empty van. Police arrested two of the raiders and one escaped. The other seven meanwhile melted into the bustling bus station crowds, the sources said.

50 killed, 20,000 homeless in floods following Omani cyclone

MUSCAT, June 20 (AFP). — Fifty people have been killed and at least 20,000 made homeless in widespread flooding in Oman in the wake of last week's cyclone and early monsoon rains.

Thousands of data palms and lime trees have been destroyed along with other crops. Rescue teams from the armed forces and the Royal Oman Police have rushed food and medical supplies to the worst-hit areas in the south.

Offers of help have come from Iran, the United States and West Germany and an official of the world body for the relief of natural disasters was

arriving here today to assess the situation.

So far Muscat itself and the Batinah coast in the northeast of Oman have escaped the storms.

A special committee to aid the 20,000 homeless has been set up by Oman's Sultan Qabus, the Omani News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency said Labour and Social Affairs Minister Khalaf Nassir Wahbi had been placed in charge of aid to the people of Muscat, site of Britain's main Indian Ocean air base. The island was hit by the Omani's worst hurricane this century.

Makarios, Karamanlis agree on how to handle Cypriot problem

ATHENS, June 20 (R). — President Makarios of Cyprus left here yesterday for home after three days of talks with Greek leaders in which complete agreement was reached on how to handle the Cyprus problem.

This was announced in a joint communiqué issued before the archbishop left for Nicosia.

Accepting an honorary doctorate at Panteios Supreme School of Political Sciences on Saturday, President Makarios said he was not prepared to make concessions under blackmail, or threats from whatever quarter to accept a compromise solution on Cyprus which would endanger the national existence of Greek-Cypriots and the future of the island.

The archbishop added that democratic principles and human rights were being violated.

Angola arrests 2 "plotters"

LISBON, June 20 (R). — Angolan authorities have arrested two alleged leaders of an unsuccessful attempt last month to overthrow President Agostinho Neto, the Angolan news agency ANGOP reported.

In a telex message to Reuters here, ANGOP said Angola's Defence Ministry named the two on Saturday night as former Armed Forces Commander Jose van Dunem and his wife Cita Vales.

They were found hiding in a barn after being denounced by local people.

Several dissident leaders of the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), said to have been involved in the attempted coup, have also been arrested along with many Portuguese extremists.

Chile, E. Germany trade 12 political prisoners

BONN, June 20 (R). — Chile has handed over former Communist Sen. Jorge Montes to East Germany in exchange for 11 political prisoners there.

The Chilean Embassy announced that Sen. Montes — whom the Santiago government recently described as its only political prisoner — was freed at Frankfurt Airport on Saturday afternoon and taken to the East German border.

In return, East Germany handed over 11 political prisoners — among them a 75-year-old man who was taken to hospital shortly after his arrival in West German territory — to the Bonn government.

The exchange recalled the last December's swap of Chilean Communist Party leader Luis Corvalan for Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky.

Last year the Chilean government offered to release Sen. Montes, who was arrested after the 1973 military coup that ousted late President Salvador Allende, in exchange for the release of former Cuban military commander Huber Matos.

In a television interview bro-

adcast last night in East Germany Sen. Montes described his release as a victory for "international solidarity."

"My case is only one case," Sen. Montes said. "There are thousands of Chilean patriots who have been freed from prison and rescued from death by the international solidarity movement."

He called for an international campaign to force the Santiago government to release other political prisoners and provide information on the 2,500 people he said had disappeared since the overthrow of President Allende.

An official government statement, released by the East German ADN news agency some 24 hours after his release, said simply that Sen. Montes had been freed "in an exchange."

It gave no further details, either on the nature of the swap or the identity of the East German prisoners released.

In Bonn informed sources said yesterday that two of the East Germans freed had been working for United States intelligence and that American secret service representatives were present to identify them when the prisoners were exchanged.

They had both been jailed for life by the East Germans. One of them was immediately flown to a camp run by the U.S. army's counter-intelligence corps near Frankfurt, the sources said.

Present French policies will allow left to win election, forecasts Mitterrand

NANTES, Western France, June 20 (AFP). — The present regime in France could defeat itself "because its policies are so bad," French Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand predicted here yesterday.

Mr. Mitterrand, who is tipped to become premier if the left carries off a widely-forecast victory in the parliamentary elections scheduled for next March, was speaking on the final day of the Socialist Party's pre-election congress in Nantes. He said France was witnessing the end of the policies that had backed liberal laissez-faire economic.

The errors of those supporting the present system meant that either they would defeat themselves or would be defeated by socialism, Mr. Mitterrand declared. A victory at the polls in 1978 by the majority of Gaullists, Centrists and Republicans who make up President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's parliamentary majority would mean "the assurance of a financial debacle and the international credibility of France would fall

into question."

It was "impossible to do worse" than the government headed by Premier Raymond Barre, the Socialist leader said, "they fail at everything," he added.

Mr. Mitterrand called for unity inside the party to insure victory in next year's elections. He pledged that the Communists, partners of the Socialists and leftwing Radicals in a common front, would take part in government if the common front is victorious.

Harking back to the tensions inside the leftwing common front and the problems that alliance with the Communists presented for the Socialists, Mr. Mitterrand said that his party "has not agreed to accept the accumulated difficulties involved in a common programme with the Communists in order to do without them when they would be useful."

Mr. Mitterrand forecast a legislative blitzkrieg during the first three months in the event of a leftist victory next March. This would encompass the principal measures without which

leftist rule would not be possible and would include nationalising France's banking and credit institutions and industrial firms listed for state takeover in the left's political programme, he said.

Mr. Mitterrand said a leftist government would "appeal to the universal conscience when certain volleys of shots are heard in the world." He cited the Warsaw Pact's invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 as an example of when France would speak out.

He added that a leftwing government in France would break off diplomatic relations with the military regime in Chile. "Symbols count for something," he declared. "People should know at least that on one point a government of the left prefers the symbol to doing business."

There was loud applause from Socialist delegates to Mr. Mitterrand's speech. But he admitted that an attempt to reconcile the mainstream of the party with its leftists during the congress had failed.

BELGRADE, June 20 (R). — Yugoslav police yesterday interrogated a 22-year-old car mechanic who tried to hijack a Bulgarian jetliner, but was tricked into surrender after demanding safe passage to the West.

As the man was questioned, the plane with the other 49 people aboard flew back to Bulgaria — where the stewardess whom he threatened with a gun during the hijack had planned to be married yesterday.

"I thought: My goodness, what a bride I will be," said the girl, Eleonora Naydanova, talking to reporters about her ordeal at gunpoint Saturday night in the rear cabin of the prop-driven Antonov-24 airliner.

Bulgarian officials here did not know whether the wedding went ahead, back in Sofia.

Police named the hijacker as a Bulgarian, Iankov Dimitrov. An investigating judge here said he grabbed the plane because he was dissatisfied with Bulgaria's Communist government and with his parents, informed sources said.

Officials said the hijacker seized the Soviet-built Antonov on an internal flight over Bulgaria, forced the pilot to change course to Belgrade's Surcin Airport, and then demanded safe passage to Britain.

The hijacker was described as a man aged between 35 and 40.

The Yugoslav news agency

Tanjung said the airport was reopened to normal traffic soon after the incident.

There were reports that a shot had been fired during the incident, either in the air or after the aircraft landed at Belgrade, but these could not be confirmed.

Police said no one was injured.

The thickest hijacker was led away from the airport, with his hands handcuffed behind his back.

Apart from asking to be flown to London, the hijacker also wanted the aircraft to be taken to Munich.

But crew members told him they had insufficient fuel to reach either Munich or London. The Antonov-24, a twin-engine propeller plane, is normally used in Eastern Europe only for short-range flights.

Airport sources said the plane landed here after the pilot radioed the control tower to say he had never flown outside Bulgaria, and had no maps for a flight to Munich or London.

The hijacking was the second incident affecting Yugoslavia this week. Croatian nationalist guerrillas occupied the Yugoslav mission to the United Nations in New York for a short time on Tuesday before surrendering.

Yugoslav authorities regarded the New York action as a deliberate "provocation aimed against the 35-state European security conference which opened in Belgrade on Wednesday."

But there was no indication that the hijacking was linked in any way with the security conference.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

* LONDON, June 20 (R). — British Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen today said Anglo-American proposals to take Rhodesia to black majority rule must be produced in the next few weeks. "I will return, I am sure, to Southern Africa this summer. I will go as soon as it is possible to present a balanced and fair package for an independent Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)," he said.

* TEL AVIV, June 20 (R). — Israel today lodged its fourth complaint in 30 days with the United Nations about alleged Egyptian violations of the interim agreement in Sinai, a military spokesman said here. The complaint, based on inspections carried out by the U.N. peace-keeping force, claimed that the Egyptians were holding two battalions more troops than the 8,000 permitted under the 1975 agreement on the east bank of the Suez Canal, the spokesman said.

* WASHINGTON, June 20 (AFP). — President Carter's campaign for human rights is "embarrassing to the Soviet Union and to other countries with totalitarian governments," Mr. Carter said here yesterday. "It dramatizes the issue and has aroused the awareness of the human rights question among all the national leaders," the president commented. He denied that the United States was preparing for a big build-up of its military arsenal under the pretext of guaranteeing human rights, as alleged by the Soviet Communist Party paper Pravda.

* RABAT, June 20 (R). — The socialist opposition party, the Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires (USFP) decided yesterday to keep its 16 members in the new Moroccan parliament elected early this month, despite its allegations that the vote was rigged.

* CAIRO, June 20 (R). — A Supreme State Security Court yesterday sentenced 11 people to three years jail each and a total fine of 15,000 Egyptian pounds (same sterling) on charges resulting from the food riots in Egypt last January which left about 80 people dead. The court acquitted 23 others. The accused are among about 1,000 people being tried in connection with the riots. The prosecution has been asking for hard labour for life. A similar trial last week resulted in 43 acquittals and one sentence of six months jail.

* MONTGOMERY, Alabama, June 20 (AFP). — Howard Hughes' heirs have reached agreement on how to share out his fortune, the Montgomery Advertiser said in its Sunday edition, but execution of the pact will depend on court proceedings to determine the authenticity of various wills attributed to the economic multimillionaire. The newspaper said the heirs had signed an agreement rather than go through years of litigation.

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